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VULGARITY IN MUSIC CHANNELS

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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been an increase in vulgar/obscene contents in different programmes being shown in various music and other channels;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken to check this menace?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (c): The programmes of all satellite channels, when transmitted/retransmitted through the cable network in the country are required to adhere to the Programme Code prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and Rules framed thereunder. The Programme Code inter-alia prohibits carriage of programmes in cable service, which offend good taste or decency; contain anything vulgar/obscene and are not suitable for unrestricted public exhibition.

The Central Government has constituted an inter-ministerial committee under Section 20 of the aforesaid Act to render advice on action to be taken in case of a specific complaint or otherwise in relation to violation of Programme Code. On the recommendations of the Committee, appropriate action is taken against TV channels for violation of provisions of the Code. This is a continuing process.